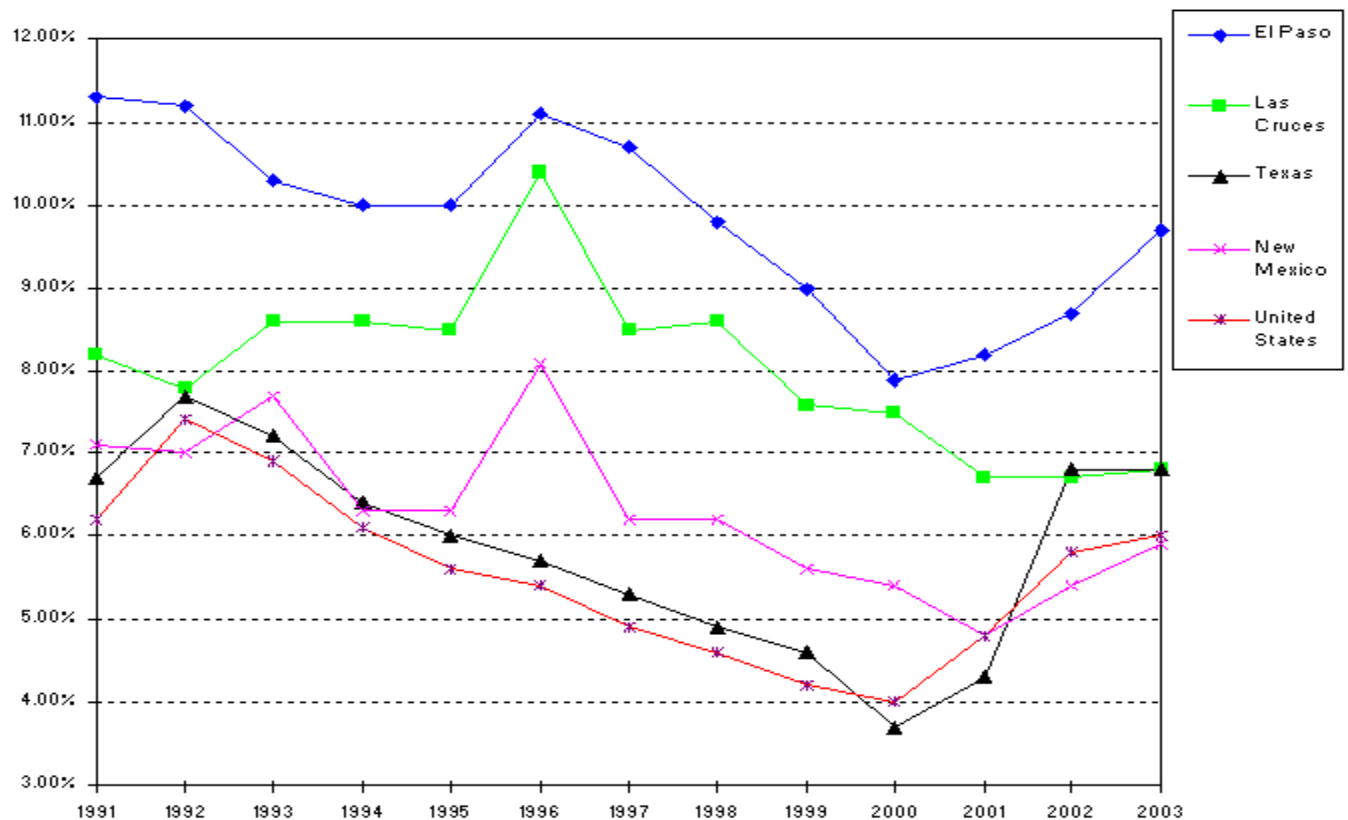


Economic Overview - Business Barometers - Region Unemployment Rates

Unemployment Rates



Year	El Paso	Las Cruces	Texas	New Mexico	United States
1991	11.30%	8.20%	6.70%	7.10%	6.20%
1992	11.20%	7.80%	7.70%	7.00%	7.40%
1993	10.30%	8.60%	7.20%	7.70%	6.90%
1994	10.00%	8.60%	6.40%	6.30%	6.10%
1995	10.00%	8.50%	6.00%	6.30%	5.60%
1996	11.10%	10.40%	5.70%	8.10%	5.40%
1997	10.70%	8.50%	5.30%	6.20%	4.90%
1998	9.80%	8.60%	4.90%	6.20%	4.60%
1999	9.00%	7.60%	4.60%	5.60%	4.20%
2000	7.90%	7.50%	3.70%	5.40%	4.00%
2001	8.20%	6.70%	4.30%	4.80%	4.80%
2002	8.70%	6.70%	6.80%	5.40%	5.80%
2003	9.70%	6.80%	6.80%	5.90%	6.00%

Sources: Texas Workforce Commission, New Mexico Department of Labor, U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2004